

Correction of formal matters in the specification

This notice is issued in response to a printer query of 11/8/2010 and 1/11/2011 from the Office of Publications. The specification (filed 2/26/2004) uses claims 2-28 as references (see pages 14, 15, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 28). Since claims 2-28 are cancelled, they do not get published and thus references to cancelled claims in the specification is not appropriate. Applicant's representative Ronald Kubovcik were contacted on 11/8/2010 and a miscellaneous office letter were sent on 11/22/2010 to correct formal matters in the specification. Issue Fee has been paid on 12/6/2010 but no amendment to the specification has been filed. Applicant is required to make the necessary corrections within a shortened statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121 in order to proceed with publication and to avoid **ABANDONMENT** of the application. A failure to respond within the above-identified time period will result in the application being abandoned. **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED.** It is noted that 37 CFR 1.312 no longer permits filing an amendment after the date the issue fee has been paid. An amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 must be filed on or before the date the issue fee is paid, except where the amendment is required by the Office of Patent Publication, see MPEP § 714.16(d), subsection III. An amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAFIQUL HAQ whose telephone number is (571)272-6103. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark L. Shibuya can be reached on 571-272-0806. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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